

CORINTH, HUNTINGTON LIBRARIES MEET STANDARDS

Public libraries in East Corinth and Huntington met the Minimum Standards for Vermont Public Libraries for the first time this year, and the Chittenden Public Library met them for the first time in many years. The Vermont Board of Libraries met in December to hear the Department of Libraries staff report on standards and was pleased to note that more libraries had applied and met standards this year. A full list of libraries meeting standards will be included in the spring News.

The Blake Memorial Library in East Corinth has been working to meet standards for several years, adding a publicly appointed or elected trustee to its board and obtaining its first appropriate from the town of Corinth in 2000. The Huntington Public Library expanded its hours to the requisite 14 per week after years of moving from site to site with limited hours and, last year, coping with a mold problem that closed the library for health reasons. Now in temporary quarters, the library will be making its final move into a renovated historic meeting house next year. Chittenden's library, situated in a school, also expanded hours and contributed to the Vermont Union Catalog for the first time in some years.

State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane congratulated the libraries and recognized their accomplishment. She noted that the staff of the Department is available to help libraries meet standards by going over the forms and suggesting ways to achieve individual requirements. Libraries found not meeting standards will once again be given an opportunity to work with a Technical Assistance Team (TAT) to develop a year-long plan to meet standards. While working with the TAT, the library will be considered as meeting standards. Libraries in Pawlet and Guilford worked with a TAT in 2000 and have met standards for the past two years. For more information about standards, contact Marianne Kotch, Director of Public Library Support Services, 828-2320.

VPLF GRANTS AWARDED

State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane and other members of the board of the Vermont Public Library Foundation spent much of the fall and early winter awarding Incentive Grant checks at local library ceremonies. The grants, part of a two year grant to the Foundation from the Freeman Foundation, are designed to enhance local public library services. Checks ranged from \$5,000 to \$250,000 this year.

Each library was able to design a project that would best suit the needs of its community. Some of the projects are focusing on building renovations, accessibility, or enhancements such as comfortable furniture for reading, new shelving, display shelving, and carpeting. Libraries in small towns (Middletown Springs) and in larger towns (Waterbury) will be renovated and furnished to encourage browsing and lingering. Starksboro's new public library had shelving built from wood harvested from the town forest. Weston's 90 year old Wilder Memorial Library will install running water and a restroom.

In many communities, hours of service will be expanded or new staff hired. Some public libraries, such as the one in Mt. Holly, will be hiring staff for the first time ever. Northfield's Brown Public Library is currently recruiting its first children's librarian, paid initially with VPLF grant funds and later through the library's budget. In Williamstown, the librarian's hours will be expanded so that a new outreach program for senior citizens may be developed and promoted. Woodstock's Norman William Public Library will increase reference services, and several libraries (Danville, Essex, Lyndonville) will add young adult librarians.

Other public libraries, such as Brattleboro's Brooks Memorial, are using the grants to broaden and enhance their collections. Milton's librarian Fran Ferro noted that, since the library has moved and the community has grown dramatically in recent years, the collection has not kept pace. She will be adding a wide variety of nonfiction for all ages, based on a study of the age of the collection she conducted using her automated library system. Several other public libraries are using this opportunity to build their audio book collections, especially adding unabridged books on tape and books on CD. Still others are starting DVD and video collections.

In Lincoln, Pawlet, and other communities, programming and expanded publicity are designed to encourage a broader spectrum of the public to use local libraries. Automation of library operations, including circulation and the public catalog, will be completed via VPLF grants in libraries in Bennington, Marshfield, Putney, and other towns. Technology in the form of more public access computers, furniture for newly acquired Gates Library Foundation computers, and expanded public training service is the focus of grants awarded to libraries in Killington, Ascutney, and elsewhere.

Photos of some of the award presentations are available at the Department of Libraries website, <http://dol.state.vt.us>. A complete list of libraries and their projects will also be available soon. Public libraries will be eligible for Year 2 funding in similar amounts beginning in early 2002. Applications will be mailed when all Year 1 awards have been made.

GATES GRANT CREATES TRAINING LAB AT MRL

As part of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation U.S. Library Program, Vermont was granted a computer training lab to be located at the Midstate Regional Library in Berlin. The lab consist of 10 training workstations, one instructor workstation, a lab server, and an LCD projector. All of these computers are set up with the same profiles and the extensive list of software titles that came with public access computers granted to local public libraries by the Gates Foundation. To accommodate this lab the Department of Libraries has refurbished the space at MRL that previously housed the Audiovisual Services Unit, and we have purchased appropriate furnishings to make the lab a comfortable and pleasant place in which to hold training sessions.

Currently the lab is being used to hold follow-up training for public libraries that received Gates grants. The Department plans to hold all of its upcoming computer-related workshops and training in this new facility, and we are in the process of developing new workshop offerings that will allow us to take advantage of the capabilities of the lab. While we are excited about being able to offer training to libraries on basic topics such as Internet resources and VALS/Web2 usage, we are looking forward to developing workshops that will train libraries on how to leverage their Gates grant computers to offer new services and to train patrons.

In the future we also hope that the lab can be made available to libraries that may want to bring in groups to conduct training led by their own instructors. At this time we anticipate that such training would

be based on the software and capabilities of the current Gates grant computer configurations and welcome libraries to contact us to discuss the possibility of using the lab in this way. For more information on the lab, its capabilities, and planned uses contact Sheila Kearns (802-828-3261 or sheila.kearns@dol.state.vt.us)

EIGHT LIBRARIES DESIGNATED AS “ENVISIONING EXCELLENCE”

Following successful completion of peer review of their respective long range plans, eight Vermont public libraries have been recognized by the Department of Libraries as “Envisioning Excellence.” “This is our way of recognizing the effort each librarian and board of trustees made over the past year or so in developing a long range plan of service,” State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane said. All of the libraries received a special certificate noting their “Envisioning Excellence” status and are now able to apply for standards using the “fast track” application form. The libraries and their directors are:

Burnham Memorial Library, Colchester – Martha Reid / Carolyn Barnes
Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Jericho/Underhill – Jane Ploughman
Fairlee Public Library – Debra Edmands
Joslin Memorial Library, Waitsfield – Betty Howlett
Putney Public Library – Stephen Coronella / Marianne Sanders
Quechee Library – Kate Schaal
Rutland Free Library – Paula Baker
Whitingham Free Public Library – Kris Berberian

All of these libraries used Planning for Results: A Library Transformation Process (by Ethel Himmel and William Wilson, ALA, 1998) to help them with the planning process. Many also participated in Department of Libraries-sponsored “Planning for Results” seminars led by Marianne Kotch, Director, Public Library Support Services, during 2000. Kotch started a new series of the seminars in January, 2002, using The New Planning for Results: A Streamlined Approach (by Sandra Nelson, ALA, 2001). If you are interested in participating in a future group, please call her at 828-2320, or email marianne.kotch@dol.state.vt.us.

LIBRARY MUTUAL AID PROGRAM BEGINS

A voluntary mentoring program for Vermont public libraries, Library Mutual Aid is a new program of the Department of Libraries available to all Vermont public libraries. The program, brainchild of former Peacham trustee David E. L. Brown, pairs libraries on the basis of interest and need and offers them a chance to share expertise and support on a regular basis.

Participating librarians and boards of trustees offer support and guidance to each other in whatever form they may need, and other staff, Friends, and volunteers of both libraries may also be involved. Libraries might share duplicate books, extra supplies, furniture, etc. One library group might help the other complete particular projects, such as moving furniture, weeding, starting a Friends group, or writing an annual fund raising letter. They might also offer advice with policymaking, planning, running a capital campaign, or other initiatives. Mentees may well find that they have know-how and ideas to share with mentors as well.

Contact between libraries should be at least once a month for a year which may be renewed by mutual agreement. Librarians are expected to take the lead in maintaining contact. Libraries may sign up to

participate by filling out an application available from any regional librarian and returning it to Marianne Kotch, Director of Public Library Support Services. For more information, contact Kotch at 828-2320.

2002 WORKSHOPS PLANNED

In February all public libraries will receive the annual Department of Libraries Continuing Education packet containing the certification guidelines and information about all of the year's workshops. The two "basics" we will be teaching this year are Collection Development and Cataloging. Some of the other workshops are: Young Adult Services; Services for the Elderly; Storytelling; Grant Writing; Book Discussions; Legal Reference; Medical Reference; and Technology Planning and the E-rate. The packet includes registration forms for workshops which should be returned to Grace Greene, Continuing Education Coordinator.

In addition to the formal workshops offered, regional librarians are also available to teach a variety of shorter workshops ("mini workshops") on almost any topic needed on demand. Please take those opportunities into consideration when planning staff and board continuing education needs.

TRUSTEES, LIBRARIANS CONSIDER MONEY ISSUES

In examining the theme, "If Money is the Answer, What is the Question?," historian Richard Hathaway offered an historical context for the operation of public libraries in his keynote address at the 2001 fall statewide conference. Speaking to 80 trustees and librarians in Rutland November 10, he cited classical authors, his own childhood librarian, printer T. R. Silvey, and author Sven Birkerts in asserting that public libraries are essential to the survival of our society. Libraries, Hathaway said, "help people find the right words to bring us home" and "keep the possibility of surprise alive in our culture."

Having served as auctioneer for several library-related fundraisers, Hathaway offered ten nitty gritty suggestions to keep "New Millenium" libraries solvent:

1. Form a Friends of the Library group to interface with the community
2. Design programs to serve and attract all of the various generations
3. Accept a "print-plus" world
4. Stress reading programs
5. Hold book sales
6. Engage in cooperative and consortial efforts with allied organizations and services
7. Publish local history, bibliographies, and other useful materials
8. Build links with local service groups, such as Rotary
9. Hold art displays so that the "buildings can bloom"
10. Remain a primary community institution

After the keynote, the Vermont Library Association's Personnel and Government Relations Committees reported on their plans for the coming year. Nancy Wilson, chair of the Personnel Committee, offered a workshop on determining pay and benefit schedules for employees. She noted that the committee is developing a series of handouts to be available in 2002 and will also be available to meet with local boards of trustees to help them develop equitable pay and benefit packages.

After lunch, small group sessions discussed planned giving, led by former Montpelier trustee Meredith Augustoni, and making effective budget presentations, led by Middlebury librarian David Clark. State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane closed the conference with words about various grant programs that

will be helping to strengthen public library service in the coming years. The conference was jointly sponsored by the Public Library Section and the Vermont Library Trustees Association of the Vermont Library Association, with organizational assistance from the Department of Libraries.

SPRING TRUSTEE TRAININGS PLANNED

Vermont's public library trustees will again have an opportunity for discussion of mutual concerns at this year's spring Town Officers Educational Conferences organized by the Vermont Institute for Government and the UVM Extension Service. Four trustee-oriented workshops are planned for each of the five sessions held regionally, and there will also be several other sessions of interest to trustees as well as other town officials. Each conference will begin with a keynote speech at 9:00 am and end by 3:30 pm.

All public library trustees and librarians are welcome to attend the conferences. This year's "trustee track" will include the following workshop sessions presented by Vermont trustees and librarians:

- Successful board meetings - How to conduct and participate in a productive meeting, make sure things get done, and still get home before midnight
- Working with a library long range plan - How plans are developed and how they can be successfully implemented
- Preparing your library for disasters and crises - How libraries can anticipate and respond to community and library disasters including necessary documents, insurance coverage, emergency handbooks, and other plans
- Library success stories – Time to share successful grant projects, public relations, programming, and services

Dates and locations are Thursday, April 4 (Lyndon State College); Wednesday, April 10 (Rutland Holiday Inn); Tuesday, April 16 (Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee); Wednesday, April 24 (Hampton Inn, Colchester); Thursday, May 2 (Mt. Snow). Registration packets will be mailed to all public libraries in late February, but you may also call the UVM Extension Service at 223-2389 to register. Many towns send carloads of officials to the conferences. Call your town clerk for ride sharing information, and seize the opportunity to tell your library's story!

DO YOU SHOW VIDEOS AT YOUR LIBRARY?

Under the current copyright law, public libraries may not show videotapes unless those tapes have been cleared for public performance or unless they have obtained a video site license. Without prior permission, a public library may not rent a video to show or hold a video-based program using videos in its own collection, even for a small audience with no admission charge.

According to the American Library Association's *Video and Copyright* fact sheet (available at <http://www.ala.org/library/fact7.html>), "when libraries purchase a videocassette, they purchase the physical object as distinct from purchasing the copyright to the content... when they want to use a videotape in such a way that would infringe upon the copyright, permission must be sought from the copyright owner or steps taken to ensure that the videotape is leased or licensed for the specific purpose of a public performance."

Under the copyright law, libraries may loan or rent videos to patrons, as long as they do not cover the copyright notice that appears on the producer's label and they do not knowingly loan a video to a group for a public performance. There are also strict guidelines for classroom use of copyrighted videos to insure that they are used as part of teaching activities.

Finally, “most public performances of a videotape in a public room (including library meeting rooms), whether or not a fee is charged, would be an infringement [of copyright law]. Such performances require a performance license from the copyright owner.” Some, but not all, of the videos owned by the Department of Libraries carry public performance rights and are so designated. Most of these are for younger audiences. Libraries may obtain a *Motion Picture Licensing Corporation Umbrella License* in order to show “home use only” videos to groups for programs. The annual fee is based on the population of the service area and auditorium size. For more information, contact the MPLC at 1-800-462-8855 or <http://www.mplc.com>.

SIMPLE LIVING COLLECTION TRAVELS

The Vermont Earth Institute, a Norwich-based nonprofit organization, has arranged for nineteen Vermont public libraries to participate in its Simple Living Lending Library program during 2002 and 2003. Each library will display and circulate the small collection of adult titles chosen by Barbara Duncan, executive director of VEI, for two months before passing them on to the next library. The collection includes such titles as Elaine St. James’ Inner Simplicity, Cecile Andrews’ The Circle of Simplicity, and Brower & Leon’s The Consumer’s Guide to Effective Environmental Choices. For more information about the collection and to add your library to the list, contact Duncan at (802) 649-4156, or visit the website <http://www.vtearthinstitute.org>.

PLA CONFERENCE COMES TO PHOENIX

While Phoenix, Arizona, seems like a long way to travel for a conference, the national conference of the Public Library Association, scheduled for March 12-16, 2002, will definitely be worth it for public librarians and trustees from even the tiniest libraries. Preconferences, author appearances, inspiring speakers, exhibits, and practical workshops are all in store.

Eight preconferences will offer concentrated information on market research, weeding, library building projects, readers’ advisory, storytelling, young adult services, website development, and public relations. Benjamin Zander, author of The Art of Possibility and conductor of the Boston Philharmonic, will open the conference, and other speakers throughout the four days will include Juan Williams, Helen Thomas, and several other authors. Educational programs will cover a wide range of topics from “Building Projects for Small and Medium-sized Libraries” and “Library Advocacy in Your Own Backyard” to “Real Stories about Quality Children’s Programming” and “Creating Genealogy Collections from Local Sources.” Over 600 exhibits will offer the latest in publications, audio-visual materials, technology, equipment, supplies, and services.

Conference participants will also be able to take a variety of tours of libraries and area sites, and a postconference will address “What Makes a Leader? Key Competencies for Public Library Leaders in the 21st Century.” For more information, visit PLA’s website at www.pla.org, or call 1800-545-2433, ext. 5PLA. And if you can’t bring yourself to visit Arizona during mud season and would rather wait for an east coast conference, this year’s American Library Association extravaganza will be held in Atlanta, GA, June 13-19. Information is at ALA’s website, www.ala.org.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE...

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Describing your ILL service...

...Need to describe your library's interlibrary loan service in a newsletter, brochure or other article? If you'd like a model, Lisa Milchman of the Norwich Public Library has written a great one for her library. For a copy of Lisa's article, contact Marj Zunder, mzunder@dol.state.vt.us or 802-828-3261

Borrowing multiple copies...

...Need multiple copies of current books for a book group? Essex Free Library has a collection of multiple copies and is willing to lend them. The list is available at <http://www.essex.org/library3.htm>

Borrowing recordings and videos...

...Trying to borrow a title that sounds like a book, but is really a sound recording, video or even large print? Please add a note to your request that will help the lending library recognize what you need.

Borrowing from the Community College of Vermont...

...Wondering where the Community College of Vermont library materials have gone? They are now all housed at Vermont Technical College. This includes all videos. Check the State Colleges catalog through VALS for any materials formerly held by Community College of Vermont libraries.

Fundraising tips...

...Stephanie Roth of The Grassroots Fundraising Journal suggests that the ten most important things you can know about fundraising are:

1. If you want money, you have to ask for it.
2. Thank before you bank.
3. Donors are not ATM's!
4. Most money comes from people, and most of those people are not rich.
5. People have the right to say no.
6. To be good at fundraising requires three character traits as much as any set of skills. The traits are belief in the cause, ability to have high hopes and low expectations, faith in the goodness of people.
7. Fundraising should not be confused with fund chasing, fund squeezing or fund hoarding.
8. Fundraising is an exchange, i.e. people pay you to do work they cannot do alone.
9. People's anxieties about fundraising stem from their anxieties about money.
10. There are four steps to fundraising: plan, plan, plan and work your plan.

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Searching for web sites...

...Can't find exactly what you need with a web search? Need a better way to find good web information? The UVM online library catalog, Voyager, includes web sites. The sites cataloged in Voyager have been carefully selected for quality content. To search this section of the catalog, go to the opening screen for Voyager. In the upper right corner under "Additional databases" choose "Select Web Sites." You can search by subject as you would for any other library material. DOLCAT includes cataloging for a number of the Vermont state government web sites.

New library science titles available in DOLCAT...

...The following books are available on interlibrary loan:

Becoming a fundraiser: principles and practice of library development, 2nd ed. American Library Assn., 2000.

Buying and maintaining personal computers. Neal-Schuman, 2000.

Cybrarian's manual 2. American Library Assn., 2000. Includes essays on all aspects of the internet, including ergonomics, LAN technology, copyright, cyber-citing, push technology, etc.

Intellectual freedom manual, 6th ed. American Library Assn., 2002.

Internet policy handbook for libraries. Neal-Schuman, 1999.

Library disaster planning and recovery handbook. Neal-Schuman, 2000.
Mystery readers' advisory: the librarian's clues to murder and mayhem. American Library Assn., 2002.
Selecting and managing electronic resources. Neal-Schuman, 2000.
Teaching the Internet to library staff and users. Neal-Schuman, 1999.
Web-based instruction: a guide for libraries. American Library Assn., 2001.

****AVAILABLE****

Resources...

...As part of The Campaign for America's Libraries, the American Library Association (ALA) is pleased to announce AccessAbility @ your library(tm), a national program developed by Easter Seals and ALA to educate children and adults about people with disabilities and to promote the library as a community resource for people of all ages and abilities to obtain information about disabilities. Reading lists for children and adults have been prepared by members of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), divisions of ALA. The lists will be made available through Easter Seals affiliates to local libraries participating in AccessAbility @ your library programs, and also can be accessed on ALA's Web site at www.ala.org/news/v7n10/adult.html and www.ala.org/news/v7n10/children.html. Easter Seals will be approaching approximately 20 libraries in targeted areas to pilot the program, which may expand to additional sites following the launch. For more information, please contact Joan Fishman in the Easter Seals national office at 312-551-7136. Program information can also be obtained from the Easter Seals Web site, www.easter-seals.org.

Grants...

...the 2002 Vermont Directory of Foundations is now available, listing in-state foundations and those out-of-state foundations that target the state - \$45 from CPG Enterprises, Inc., PO Box 199, Shaftsbury, VT 05262. Also available from CPG are valuable publications on grant writing. See the website at www.cpgfundraising.com for details.

Websites to explore...

- ALA interlibrary loan form to use to request from out of state:
http://www.ala.org/rusa/std_illformprint.html
You must print this form, fill it out and snail mail it.
- List of the of the OCLC codes for out of state libraries:
<http://www.oclc.org/contacts/libraries/>
Addresses in this list are brief. Use the library's web site for a complete address.
- National interlibrary loan code, newly revised:
http://www.ala.org/rusa/std_inc.html
The Vermont ILL Code will soon be revised also
- Vermont Library Association:
<http://www.vermontlibraries.org>
Includes membership form, list of officers, intellectual freedom handbook, and more.
- Library Media & PR
<http://www.ssdesign.com/librarypr/>
An annual calendar of events to hang your public relations on, bookmarks to print, good ideas, book lists, links to other PR sites
- Boothbay Harbor (Maine) Memorial Library's "Publishers Page of Shame":
<http://www.bmpl.lib.me.us/shame.htm>
Regularly updated list of new books that have fallen apart almost immediately upon release into circulation.

COMING EVENTS

Fri., Jan. 18, 9:30 am – Public Library Directors Quarterly Forum, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. General discussion for directors from all sizes of libraries. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320. Snow date: Jan. 25.

Mon., Jan. 21 – State Holiday – Department of Libraries central office and regional libraries closed.

Mon., Jan. 28, 9:30 am – Franklin-Grand Isle County Librarians Miniworkshop on after-school programming, Georgia Public Library. Regular meeting follows at 12 noon. Contact: Susan Webster, 524-4643.

Mon., Feb. 4, 10:00 am – Addison County Librarians meeting, Starksboro Public Library. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Tues., Mar. 5 – State Holiday – Department of Libraries central office and regional libraries closed.

Tues., Mar. 12, 9:30 am – Rutland County Librarians meeting, Middletown Springs Public Library. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Tues.-Sat., Mar. 12-16 – Public Library Association national conference, Phoenix, AZ. Exhibits and workshops just for public librarians. Registration fee. Contact: PLA, 1-800-545-2433.

Tues., Mar. 19, 9:30 am – Grantwriting workshop, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Repeats: Thurs., Mar. 21, Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington. Continues Tues., April 9 (MRL) and Thurs., April 11 (Killington). Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Thurs., Mar. 21, 9:30 am – Vermont Library Assn. Board meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Trina Magi, 656-5723, tmagi@zoo.uvm.edu.

Tues., Mar. 26, 9:00 am – Children's Materials Review Session, Brown Public Library, Northfield. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261. Repeats:

Wed., Mar. 27 – Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington

Thurs., Mar. 28-- Milton Public Library

Tues., April 2 – Butterfield Library, Westminster

Wed., April 3 – Northeast Regional Library, St. Johnsbury

Thurs., April 4, 9:00 am – Town Officers Educational Conference, Lyndon State College. Four workshops throughout the day will be especially for public library trustees. Registration fee. Contact: UVM Extension Service, 223-2389. Repeats:

Wed., April 10 – Holiday Inn, Rutland

Tues., April 16 – Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee

Wed., April 24 – Hampton Inn, Colchester

Thurs., May 2 – Mt. Snow

Sat., April 6, 9:30 am – A Day for Friends and their Librarians, 2002, Rutland Free Library. Gathering for idea sharing for members of local Friends of the Library groups and librarians. Featured speaker: Doris Bass, former president, FOLUSA. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320.

Sun., April 15-Sat., April 20 – National Library Week, with Vermont Library Association-sponsored legislative breakfasts and book cart at the Vermont State House. Contact: Carolyn Barnes, 878-5370. For promotional materials, contact American Library Association, 1-800-545-2433.

Mon.-Fri., April 29-May 3, 9:30 am each day – Basic Cataloging workshop, Whiting Library, Chester. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

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Spring Materials Review Sessions: Shorter and a New Location

Review sessions co-sponsored by the Department of Libraries and the Department of Education are open to all who live or work in Vermont, and serve as a tool for collection development for school and public librarians. You need not pre-register. Sessions begin at 9 a.m. If you have any question about whether we will be canceling because of the weather, call DOL anytime after 7:30 a.m.(828-3261).

This spring's session will be quite different from usual, because Leda Schubert from the Department of Education will not be there. Leda is taking a leave of absence to attend the MFA in Writing for Children program at Vermont College, and will be

working only 10% time. So, for this one session, I will be doing it alone. I will be reviewing roughly the same number of books as I always do, but the number reviewed orally will be about half the usual number because of Leda's absence. I plan to present for about two hours. In addition, I will take many books reviewed by volunteer reviewers, as well as nonfiction titles recommended in the review media. In order for everyone to see the books, we will allow even more time than usual for browsing.

Here's the schedule. **Please note that the session normally held at the Midstate Regional Library, Berlin, will be held at the Brown Public Library, Northfield, instead.**

Tuesday, March 26 Brown Public Library, Northfield
Wednesday, March 27 Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington
Thursday, March 28 Milton Public Library
Tuesday, April 2 Butterfield Memorial Library, Westminster
Wednesday, April 3..... Northeast Regional Library, St. Johnsbury

Directions to the Brown Public Library in Northfield: From the North, take I89 to Exit 8 (Montpelier) and follow Route 12 South; from the South, take I89 to Exit 5 (Northfield/Williamstown) and take Route 12 North. The library is located on Route 12 (Main Street) in downtown Northfield. Parking is available in the library parking lots, and in the United Church parking lot directly across the street from the library. The library telephone number is 485-4621.

DCF/Red Clover Award News...

...DCF Ceremony

The winner of the 2001 DCF award, Christopher Paul Curtis, whose book BUD, NOT BUDDY, won the hearts of many Vermont children, came to Vermont to accept his award in late October. At the ceremony at Vermont Technical College, a packed house of several hundred children, librarians and teachers listened to Mr. Curtis talk about his years on the automobile assembly lines in Flint, MI, and his eventual emergence as an author. This was a man who knew how to hold his audience—he had everyone in the palm of his hand—fascinated, amused, and wanting more. We were indeed fortunate that Mr. Curtis was able to fit Vermont into his very full schedule.

...Online DCF discussion

There is now a DCF Web Discussion Board online, for you and your kids to use. Please check it out when you get a chance. Instructions:

Go to this web address, click NEW USER and follow online directions: <http://www.vismt.org:8080/~DCF>
It is important to fill in the information required and click the CREATE button at the bottom of the page.

This DCF Web Discussion board requires email address verification. After submitting this form, an email message with your temporary password will be sent to the email address you specify. You will need to use this password to gain access to this board. Be sure to double-check that the email address you enter is valid. Once you login, you can change your password, but not your email address. NOTE: You must login to the DCF Web Board within 24 hours or this user name and password will expire. Administrator, Roger Crowley, roger@msms.mps.k12.vt.us

The DCF committee again thanks Roger for maintaining this site.

...Changing Committee Members

At its fall business meeting, the DCF committee chose Liz Bourne as its newest member. Liz is the librarian at the Westminster Schools, has been on the Red Clover committee, and currently is teaching a Collection Development course through UVM. Of course, the bad thing about welcoming a new colleague is that means we will be saying goodbye to another. Linda Morrow, the librarian at the Rivendell School in the Fairlee/Orford district, after great six years will be going off the committee in the spring. Farewell and thank you, Linda, and welcome, Liz.

Spring mailing

In late March all public and school libraries will receive a packet containing information about Vermont's two child selected book awards. Included will be:

The Red Clover Masterlist for 2002-2003
The Dorothy Canfield Fisher Masterlist for 2002-2003
The DCF voting form for this year (deadline April 12)

As soon as we know information about the winning books for 2002 we will get it out to you. Please remember, that although we are usually successful in having a DCF ceremony before the end of the school year, it is a very short turnaround time, and we

can't guarantee a ceremony at all. The best plan is NOT to promise your eager readers a trip to a ceremony, but hold a party or celebration in your own library or school. If there is a ceremony for this year's winner, Scott Campitelli from RETN is planning to film it, so the video will be widely available.

Information and a Meeting for New Children's Librarians

The packets that we developed last year to help new children's librarians navigate their way through the Vermont library scene have been eagerly received and greatly appreciated. Similar in intent to the new librarian packets, this compendium of information includes a summary of the services that the Department of Libraries provides for children's librarians, lists of available materials, bibliographies, etc. In order to distribute them in a timely fashion, I need everyone's help. If you are a new children's librarian, or if there is a new children's librarian at your library, please let me know, and I will send out a welcome packet. I also try to meet with all new children's librarians, so give me a call, and we'll set up a time. In addition, if there is enough interest, I will plan a gathering for new children's librarians and their directors to share concerns, discuss duties and priorities, and help one another plan good children's services. Please let me know if you would be interested in attending such a day, to be scheduled probably in the late spring.

Summer Materials for *Travel Far, Pay no Fare*

This year's summer reading program is based on the book by Anne Lindbergh, *TRAVEL FAR, PAY NO FARE* (HarperCollins, 1992). Amazingly, the book actually features a bookmark from a library in Vermont! The bookmark, with the slogan "Travel far, pay no fare, let a story take you there," literally takes the reader into the story. With the magic bookmark, Parsley, a nine-year-old girl has gone into such books as *STUART LITTLE*, *THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY* and *THE YEARLING*, and has even brought out animals from these stories! The book is currently out of print, but Reeve Lindbergh, Anne's sister, is having it reprinted just for our program. Reeve and Anne's daughter are planning on providing one copy for each public library in Vermont, and there will be more copies available for libraries to buy. We are very grateful to Reeve for her support and generosity.

The manual will feature programs based on the book itself, as well as programs with a general theme of travel. Therefore, you can choose to focus on geography, fantasy worlds, or the magic of books. In March all public libraries will receive:

- ☐ A manual full of ideas on how to run a successful summer program
- ☐ A list of the paperback books available in quantity for book discussions
- ☐ An order form for all the free summer materials: posters, reading records, certificates, stamps and bookmarks
- ☐ A list of performers who do programs related to the summer theme, with announcement of partial funding from DOL
- ☐ A packet of ideas for adult programs made up by Marianne Kotch

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Grants

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation will award \$40,000 in Minigrants (\$350 per library) in December for innovative and imaginative programs in public libraries and public school libraries designed to combat illiteracy. The deadline for submission of proposals is September 15, 2002. Programs that will be considered include storytelling, innovative or noteworthy workshops, and festivals. Applications for proposals can be downloaded from the Keats website: www.ezra-jack-keats.org. Telephone: 718-252-4047.

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